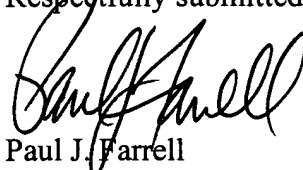


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group I, i.e., Claims 1-4, 16 and 17, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, please cancel the remaining claims, Claims 5-15, without prejudice. Applicants also reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", is written over the typed name.

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